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The records of the State of Maryland, including the church records are among the best in the country, and being stationed at Annapolis for several years has given me an excellent opportunity to inspect the record of wills, deeds, courts, and churches at Annapolis and in Baltimore.

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P.V.H. Weems
P.V.H. Weems,
9 Southgate Avenue,
Annapolis, Md.

In the name of God Amen, I James Weems, of Calvert County, the State of Maryland, Merchant, being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of this life do hereby make this my last will and testament directing in what manner the Real and personal estate which Almighty God has bestowed on me shall be distributed after my decease.

I give to my son, William Loch Weems and his heirs forever all my lands in Prince George County, all my lands in Calvert County of the heirs of Thomas Edwards, of Mary Winmen, and James Freeman, also all my lands in the State of Virginia. --

I give to my son, James Weems, and his heirs forever the land whereon he lives and all other my lands thereto adjoining, together with the water mill bought of John Waters and also all my lands near Calvert County Court House bought of Mrs. Woodward, John Wood, Richard Young, Thomas Tucker, Messrs In 27 and Cligate, the land I took up called Meadows Preserved and my lot adjoining said court house.

I give to my son, John Weems, and his heirs forever all my right to lands in Anne Arundel County devised to me by my dear deceased uncle, Dr. William Loch, and forasmuch as there is now depending a suit at law concerning the title thereof it is my will and desire that my said son defend the same to the Dernier Ressort, if needful at the expense of my estate;-- I also give to him and his heirs forever my lot in hunting town with all the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Notwithstanding I advanced for my daughter, Susannah, after her intermarriage with Mr. Roger Wheeler her full share of the personal estate, I was then possessed of and have lost considerable by administering on that estate and bringing up their children, it is my will and desire that my executor sell at public auction- vendue- negro Nell and her issue and negro And. hers if any, also any of the effects belonging to that estate not heretofore disposed of and remaining at Cox Town to which add the sum of four hundred pounds, and divide the whole among the four sisters equally to be by each to give to their children in such proportion as they

As for my personal Estate I dispose of as follows- whatever I David Weems my Mulatto Woman Called Jephtha and her children already born or to be born forever. To James Weems, I give the negro boy I had of him called Peter; and George's daughter called Hannah and Betty Naugh's Mulatto Girl. To my Cousin Williamina Moore Fifty pounds Sterling but desires that her Husband may set at Liberty a Mulatto Woman I gave him: The money is to be paid in twelve months after my decease. I give ten Pounds Sterling to St. James Parish to be laid out in Plate as the Minister shall think most proper, to be paid in a twelve months time after my decease.

I Will and desire that everyone of my wife's children by Sam'l Lane may have a Sute of black Cloathes and a cow and calve such as my administrators shall think convenient.

I desire my Cousins and their children may have each a Sute of Black Cloathes at the discretion of my Administrators

The remaining part of my estate after my wife's thirds to be divided into three parts, two parts whereof I give to my son William and remaining part to my daughter Sarah the youngest daughter of my Wife. I hereby appoint my loving Wife and Cousin David Weems to administer on this my last Will and Testament, desiring them to perform everything according to this my last Will requesting them that my children may be brought up religiously, after the Method of the Church of England. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 29th Day of August Anno Domini on thousand Seven hundred and twentie and ninth.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us Robert Franklin
On the back of the foregoing Will was William Fisher
As ye following Probate thus written: James Newson.

June ye 3th 1732. Then came William Fisher, one of the subscribing witnesses to the Within Will, who makes oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he saw William Loch the Testator Sign and Seal the Within Instrument as his last Will and Testament and at the same time heard him Publish and Declare the Same so to be and that at the time of his so Doing he was of Sound Disposing Mind and Memory to the best of his knowledge and he further Declares on his Oath that he Signed as an Evidence to the Within Will in the Presence of The Testator, and at his request and at the same time Robert Franklin and James Newson signed as Evidences to the Within Will in the Presence of the Testator. Sworn to before me the day and year above when Sealed, Signed.

In the name of God Amen, I William Loch of Anne Arundel County in the Province of Maryland Physicain being of perfect mind and memory praise be to God, do make ordain and constitute this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme followeing.

1st I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body to the Earth there to be decently interred at the discretion of my administrators. As to the Lands Goods and Chattles wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I dispose of as follows. My Will is that all my Just Debts and funeral charges be duly paid, in the next place my Will is and I hereby bequeath my lands as followeth. To my Son William Loch the Plantation I now live on being part of Dinah's Beverdams which I bought of Robert Brown and his Wife with all the appurtenances to it belonging that is Houses, Orchards and every thing belonging to the s^d lands, and I do further give him all the remaining part of Dinah's Beverdams that I bought of Thomas Foord and Robert Frankline and all Hallowsays Increase. I further bequeath unto him the s^d William two hundred acres of my land called Padget to be laid out as followes. Beginning at the North East bounded Tree on the Island and running West so far as a Course due South and East shall include two hundred acres of land. But my Will and intent is, that if my said Son William should die before he attains the years of twenty one or that he should die without issue of his body lawfully begotten that then the fores^d lands should be equally divided between my Cousin David Weems and his Brother James Weems or in case of either of their deaths to be divided between their heirs. I give unto my daughter Sarah Loch the youngest daughter of my wife, all the remaining part of the Land called Padget, and the eighty five acres of Land I bought of John Gicles and in case she should die without heirs lawfully begotten, to my son William and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for want of issue of his body lawfully begotten to Cousin David Weems and James Weems equally to be divided amongst them or in case of any of their deaths equally to their heirs. I give unto my Cousin David Weems the Land that he now lives on being part of Brevsley Hall which I bought of his Wife and of Ritchard Lane. I give unto Cousin James Weems my Plantation in Virginia I bought of Edward Williams and the right of the Land I Escheated of Jonas Jordan to him and his heirs forever. I give unto my Cousin David Weems all my right to Gotte Plantation that I bought of James McIntosh.

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s/ William Loch (Seale)

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Will of Wm. L. Loch Weems.
Moneys I have in the different loans should be so established that it is worth six thousand pounds specie and my present number of slaves not decrease that then I give him ten more five of which to be working negroes a sixth part of all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, & hogs all my household furniture except five beds & furniture and all my silver plate. If he chooses to keep that and to pay to each of his brothers and sisters as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one his brothers and eighteen for his sisters; six silver table spoons and six tea spoons tongs and strainer otherwise the whole to be equally divided. I give to my son James William Loch Weems all my lands in Calvert County to him and his heirs forever and ten negroes six of which to be able working hands one sixth part of all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep & hogs one bed and furniture six silver table spoons & six tea spoons and tongs and strainer to be paid him by his brother Nathaniel Chapman Weems, or to have one sixth part of all the Plate I have & in case the Moneys left by my dear deceased father as well as what I have of my own should be established as aforesaid and my Slaves not decrease then give him five more. I give to my son John Weems all my lands in Virginia to him and his heirs forever & ten negroes all of which to be able working hands, one sixth part of all my horses, Cattle, Sheep, and hogs, one Bed and furniture the same quantity and quality of plate as to his brother & to be paid as unto him, otherwise one sixth part of all plate I leave, and in case the monies above mentioned should be established as aforesaid & my negroes not decrease I then give him ten Negroes more two of which to be able working hands & the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, I leave all the rest of my estate to be sold at public vendue and the monies arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst my three daughters also my lot of land at Annapolis to be sold in the same way and the money divided in the same manner & in case either of my daughters should die before marriage her part to be divided between the other two and in case two of them should die the surviving Sister take the whole unless the moneys I have of my own & likewise what my dear deceased Father by his last Will and Testament left in the different loans, & in my power to dispose of amongst my Children as I thought proper, should be so established that it is worth six thousand pounds specie then and in that case none of my real estate to be sold & then give to each of my daughters one thousand pounds specie one negro boy and one negro girl one bed and furniture and a gold watch to each & in case of the death of either or two of them then, her or their part to go to the survivors or survivor as above directed as also the plate aforementioned and the remainder of my estate to be divided as above mentioned amongst my three sons and in case my son James William Loch Weems should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years or without will or issue as my son Nathaniel is so much better provided for in lands than my son John I then give my land in Calvert County to my son John Weems & in case my son John should die for the same reason I give my lands in Virginia to my son James William Loch Weems on his brother John's death without will or issue or before he attain twenty one years and their personal estate to be divided equally between the surviving brothers, and if my son Nathaniel Chapman Weems die without issue or will my lands given him would descend to James William Loch Weems as heir at law. In that case James William Loch Weems shall give up to his brother John Weems all the land in Calvert County and keep his brother Nathaniel Chapman Weems personal estate or divide his land equally with his brother John. Lastly I desire to be decently buried along side my child who lies by my dear deceased Mother & that none of my Family put on mourning for me & appoint my dearly beloved wife sole executrix of this my last will & testament desiring she will discharge my just debts out of my estate and duly perform what I have herein requested. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of March Anno Dom. 1732

Signed, sealed, published and declared William Loch Weems (Seal).
by the said William Loch Weems as his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto set our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator at his request & in the presence of each other. s/ Thomas Rowse, Isaac Walker, Jr., Stead Lowe.
Prince George County, To wit: The 15th day of August 1733. Then came Isaac Walker & Stead Lowe the two subscribing witnesses to the within last will and testament of William Loch Weems late of Prince George's County, deceased, and severally made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see Testator therein named sign and seal this will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with Thomas Rowse the other subscribing witness respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other.
Certified by Hugh Lyon, Depty. Comy. Prince George County, Maryland.

shall neglect so to do in their lifetime or by their last will al-
how they would have it done, it is my will that the same be equally
divided amongst them and if either of them should die before they
receive their part, such part shall be equally divided amongst the
other children of such sons as aforesaid and no other person shall
have any part thereof.

It is my desire if possible to be buried by the side of my
dear deceased wife, the mother of all my children, in a decent and
private manner and request that none of my family put on mourning
for me. I also desire that the burial place be bricked in post and
railed or pailed in at the expense of my estate as my executor shall
think proper and request that my heir hereafter pos-sessing the said
land shall always keep the same in good repair at his own expense.

Lastly, I appoint my son, John, executor of this my last will
and testament and desire he will indulge any of my debtors who are
not able to pay immediately with a reasonable time upon making such
security as is in their power and where they are very poor release
any part or even the whole if he thinks proper rather than deprive
them of the necessaries of life. I request my executor to complete
every part of the foregoing will with all convenient speed and for
his trouble retain in his hands five hundred pounds in lieu of com-
missions for selling receiving or paying. In witness whereof have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th November one thousand seven
hundred and seventy eight.

s/ James Weems (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said James Weems as
his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto
set our names as witness thereto in the presence of the testator at
his request and in the presence of each other.

Francis Woolf
Samson Crane
George Raley

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State of Maryland, Calvert County, 10th September 1781 then came
Francis Woolf, Samson Crane, the two subscribing witnesses to the
within last will and testament of James Weems, late of Calvert Coun-
ty, deceased and severally made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Al-
mighty God that they did see the testator herein named, sign and
seal this will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare
the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of his
so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound dispos-
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scribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and
at the request of the testator and in the presence of the other
witnesses.

Sworn before-

Francis King,
Register of Wills for
Calvert County, Maryland

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LOCH WEEMS; Son of James Weems.
From a copy received from the Register of Wills, Marlborough, Md.

In the name of God, Amen; I, William Loch Weems of Prince George
County in the State of Maryland being of sound mind and disposing
memory considering the uncertainty of this life do make this my
last will and testament- Directing in which manner all the real
and personal estate which Almighty God has bestowed upon me shall
be distributed after my decease. Whereas my dearly beloved wife
has always behaved so prudently and well since our marriage has to
intitle her to duty & obedience from the children She has brought
me, in order to prevent their being otherwise so far as in my
power I hereby give to her the same power nature has given me over
them & therefore I give her during her single state profits arising
annually from my whole estate to do with as she pleases she support-
ing in a decent manner our children and if any of our children
should marry or otherwise misbehave so as to merit it from her I
leave it to her power to disinherit such child & give what I here-
by leave them to those that do not misbehave not doubting, but that
she will as her children marry if with her consent give them on
marriage so much as she can conveniently spare of what I leave
them but if she should choose to marry I then and in that case
leave my children free & clear from the power I have invested her
with over them and give her over and above her marriage settle-
ment of five hundred pounds currency the sum of five hundred more
a handsome chariot and four horses also her choice of any two of
my slaves to wait on her- and then I give as follows viz., to my
son Nathaniel Chapman Weems and his heirs forever all my land in
Prince George County and his choice of any three negro men three
negro women & four negro children in my estate and in case the
moneys I have in the different lands should be so established that
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Certified by High Court, I. G. County, March 15th 1733.

The following letter was written by the Hon. John Crompton Weems, Member of Congress 1823-1826, who was the son of John Weems, and the grandson of Dr. James Weems, who with his brother, David, and Sister, Williamina, immigrated from Scotland to America about 1715. This letter was written at "Loch Eden", the home of John C. Weems, in 1854, to Dr. David G. Weems.

Dear Kinsman:-

Your letter dated some months since calling on me as the oldest member of the Weems family remaining, by many years, (now in my 77th year) to give you the most correct statement in my power of the emigration of our ancestors (your great-grandfather Mr. David Weems and my grandfather Dr. James Weems) from Scotland. I must apologize truthfully for not sooner acknowledging receipt of said letter, to wit, not being at home, I believe in Baltimore, when it was sent, it did not come to my hands until yesterday, when looking over some business papers &c, I found it, and now sit down to give you as correct account as my memory will permit.

Historically and traditionally, I must first refer you to the Scotch Heraldry giving the history of the contest between Malcolm and MacBeth for the crown of Scotland. I once had it but was lost likely in the burning of my dwelling house in 1839. I have not seen it since but as well as my memory however serves me, it is therein represented that in that contest John the youngest son of MacDuff who killed MacBeth behaved with so much chivalry in that contest as to gain from Malcolm when crowned King of Scotland the Seigniorship of an Earl (Earl of Wemyss) with an estate thereto attached and by way of designating him from the other members of the family, the name spelled Wemyss instead of Weems. One of the younger sons of said Earl of Wemyss married a Miss Loch, whose brother, Hon. Wm. Loch emigrated with some of the first settlers to Maryland sometime I think in the 17th century, and after living to be quite an old man and unmarried; he returned to Scotland, and with his sister's consent, brought back with him our aforesaid grandfathers to inherit the very large estate in Anne Arundel County Maryland. Sometime thereafter, however, Dr. Wm. Loch married a lady upward of fifty years of age, to comfort and to assist in taking care of and to soothe his gouty system in advanced life, but contrary, no doubt, to their expectations she brought him a son, Wm. Loch, Jr., in her fifty first year. Dr. Loch had, however, promised as stated, to provide for the said two nephews, which promise he carried out to a certain extent as a reference to his will as placed on the records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, will at all times clearly set forth.

Your great-grandfather being the oldest of his two nephews, &c, received his moiety during the lifetime of his said uncle, consequently not subject to any contingencies. My grandfather, after he completed his studies with his uncle, Dr. Loch, received some funds in cash with a horse and saddle and bridle, and left for the state of Virginia, to seek and make his fortune through his profession. What brought him to Maryland I do not remember to have heard, no doubt his uncle's will may show to some extent the cause of his return. I have never examined the will. My grandfather, however, settled in Calvert County, Md., where he married, and added to his profession as an M.D., an extensive mercantile business, and after the death of Mrs Dr. Wm. Loch, his uncle, was put in possession and held a certain part of the residue of his estate under his said uncle's will to his (my grandfather's death) death, when by his will, his youngest son, my father, John Weems, became possessed thereof, until by the law of Maryland it was transferred to a certain Wm. Chew.

Your great-grandfather, Mr. David Weems as aforesaid, the father of Col. Wm. Weems, and two other sons, James and Thomas, by his first marriage, and thereafter by a second marriage he had several sons and daughters; your grandfather, Mr. David Weems, Richard Weems, Mason Loch Weems, and three daughters, two of them I know, viz, Mrs. Mudd, and Mrs. Mooreton.

My grandfather, Dr. James Weems, had three sons, Wm. L. Weems, James Weems, and John Weems (my father); he had also two daughters, the oldest married a Mr. Samuel Chew of Calvert County, and left one son who married and went west with his family to Kentucky, I think, and there are about, somewhere now I believe, quite wealthy when last heard of. My grandfather's other daughter married a Mr. Elsey on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, who when left a widow with out heir

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out heir returned to my father's in Calvert County where my grandfather was also living and there also lived until she married a certain Mr. Joseph Sprigg and had one son, the present Ex-Governor Samuel Sprigg now of Prince George County- and died at his birth or soon thereafter.

My grandfather's oldest son, William Loch Weems, married a Miss Chapman of Virginia, Aunt of Prof. Chapman of Philadelphia, by whom he had three sons, Nathaniel, William L., and Dr. John Weems, and several daughters and lived and died at his estate "Billingsly" near Upper Marlborough in Prince George County. His oldest son, Nathaniel Weems, married a lady in New York and lived where his father died, "Billingsly". His wife was a Miss Van Horn and her sister married a Major Lansdale, who lived and died also in Prince George's adjoining to Queen Anne, leaving sons and daughters.

A sister of my grandfather and your great-grandfather (Williamina Wemyss) married an English gentleman, a Mr. Moore of Moore Hall (a tory) and emigrated to the state of New York and were the parents of the late Bishop Moore of the P.E. Church of that state, and three daughters. One was the mother of Gen'l Cadwallader, the other the mother of Phineas Bond, the Consul of Great Britain to the United States from the Revolutionary War to his death somewhere about 1800, the other married Mr. Ridgely of Dover, Delaware, where the family still resides.

Now my dear sir, you can add what you know relative to your great-grandfather's family down to the present time generation no doubt more correctly than myself from where I left off for you to carry out.

My grandfather's second son, James, married twice, both times in Virginia. By his first marriage he left two sons and two daughters; vid, James, the oldest, and Dr. Nathaniel Weems of the Navy of the U.S.; their families I believe have become extinct or nearly run out, one of the daughters married a Mr. Mackall, father of the present Dr. Richard Mackall of Calvert County, who formerly owned and lived at Hawling (?) Point in said county, his father's homestead; the other daughter married Mr. Holliday of Prince George's and left two daughters. One married a Mr. Bell, the father of the late Rev. Mr. Bell of the P.E. Church and several other sons and daughters. The other married a Mr. Thomas Somerville of Prince George County and had a number of sons and daughters all respectable and independent citizens.

My grandfather's youngest son, my father, John Weems, married a Miss Crompton of Calvert County, my grandfather, James Weems, having married her mother, Mrs. Crompton, as his 4th wife. The children, my father and mother being both quite young were brought up to call each other brother and sister and after their marriage built and settled at "Weems Forest" in Calvert County, and had a very large family the oldest, Dr. James Weems, who serving through the whole of the Revolutionary War as physician and surgeon & etc, he sailed with a number of others for England, Scotland, and France and was never afterwards heard of (ship passengers and crew), the oldest daughter married the Rev. Chas. H. Thorton and died at an advanced age. Sarah M. Weems, his next daughter, married Mr. Philip Thomas of West River and afterwards moved and settled at Rockland on the Susquehanna where they both died leaving several sons and daughters, all deceased except one, Mrs. Mary Boles now residing in Wilmington, Delaware. Their oldest son, Philip Thomas, married a Miss Ludlow of New York City, both deceased leaving 3 daughters & 2 sons, most of them still living. My brother, W. Loch Weems, 5 years older than myself married a daughter of Chief Justice Kinsey of New Jersey; he and his wife both deceased leaving 2 sons only that I went (?) "Weems Forest", there reside and have each Kinsey (11), and Charles Thorton Weems (21) large families of children. My father, John Weems as aforesaid, some three years after the death of my mother married a Miss Miller of Philadelphia; in about 3 months she died and in 30 or 36 months thereafter he married Miss Lee of "Reinhelm" of Charles County, who also died in 12 or 18 months, both without heirs and some three years after he married a Mrs. Gale by whom he had several children and with them in 1812 emigrated near Louisville, Kentucky, where he died leaving three sons and 3 or 4 daughters all deceased except I believe one son, Mr. George Washington Weems, my half brother now residing in Baltimore with a family of four sons and three daughters. I, John Crompton Weems, the youngest son of my mother and the only one of her

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children living, married Elizabeth, the oldest daughter of John Lee Webster of Harford County, deceased about 1795. John W. Weems, my eldest son, died some few years since in Natchez of Asiatic cholera leaving a widow and two sons and three daughters. Stephen H. Weems, my second son, late U.S. Consul to Guatemala for many years until egregiously insulted and broken up and ruined by a Revolutionary Army in that country and since brought home by an appropriation by Congress with his wife and three children with his whole camp for some sixteen years all destroyed and gone and still without reparation being made by either the state of Guatemala or the U.S. to the everlasting disgrace of the U.S. My third son, Alexander Wellington Weems, a batchelor residing in Louisiana, one daughter married to Mr. Escep Lillard and his son, John W. Lillard, and four adult daughters and one son Franklin Weems living with me.

Respectfully your friend and obedient servant,
Loch Eden, Feb. 17th 1854. s/ John C. Weems.

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The following letter is from E. Pliny Bryan of Maryland to his cousin Eleanor Ann (Hatton) Weems which throws some light on the Hattons and their relations and neighbors. James Burch, mentioned in this letter, is a cousin of Eleanor Ann Hatton, she having spent several years in his father's home when she was left an orphan. James Brewer Burch is residing at Annapolis, Md., and was 93 years old on Washington's birthday 1926. Pliny Bryan was on Beauregard's Staff during the Civil War, was imprisoned at Washington and made a spectacular escape therefrom.

Nov. 21st 1857.

Dear Cousin Eleanor:

Ma received your very welcome letter a few days since and has requested me to answer it, so I shall try and give you all the items of this neighborhood. Our familys are well, as there are several being thru (2) - Eleanor was married to Walter Griffin, they have a very interesting little daughter two years old. Rebecca was married to a Mr. Blummer of Alexandria a year ago last October. They have a fine boy; the rest of us are boys Lym- (2) who is a very pretty lassie 12 years old- in all was number 8, an-ungodly number to. Ma looks old and stays in her old familiar corner. She never goes anywhere, being a widow to the very letter- enough of us.

Your brother Nat lives at Kerbeys and has a son I think 6 or 10 years of age- from his size, he is not married yet again. Molly died sometime since in Washington, her husband Mrs. Burch lives in Washington, and I think Mrs. Hatton lives with him. She left a child. Alex. lived in this neighborhood last year but I don't know where he is now. John and James Burch live on the farm given them by their grandpa Brewer. It lies next to your Uncle # Joe's old place- they are industrious hardworking boys. Mary you know married Mr. Brower, they have several children.

Dr. Joe Latimer has sold his farm near Piscataway and intends living in the village. He has a very good ~~negro~~ and several children besides. George Hunter was married to a Miss Edilin a few months since. I think her name is Elizabeth. She is daughter of Mrs. Charit Edilin, quite pretty. George had two little daughters by his first wife. He is getting along pretty well. George Hatton's daughter is grown and a beautiful lady- she is quite a belle and lives with her grandfather.

Peter Hatton married a Miss Dent. Richard is an old Bachelor, they are nearly all grown. Miss Caroline is quite pretty. William Hatton has run through everything he had. Joe is not much better off. Henry they say is rich. Old Mrs. Hatton lives at the old place. George went to California and came back with a pocket full of nothing. Sally married Gusti Roboy, they have one child living. Emily is still in maidenhood. Enough of kinfolks methinks I hear you say- now for miscelanies.

Dr. James Edilin is dead. Matilda Semmes is married to a Mr. Browner. We had a grand tournament in Piscataway on the 19th of this month. There were about three thousand persons present. Willie about 13 years old, won the crown which cost about \$100. There was the greatest excitement created about him I ever saw. Some of the Knights objected to him on account of his age, so he rode as lord.

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side den Knight. Mr. Gwynn crowned 1st Maid of Honor, Kirk the 2nd. I the 3rd, White the 4th, and Gardner the 5th. All the honors were taken by the P.G. County Knights except the 2nd, that by St. M. We had a magnificent ball that night in Piscataway. Everything went off fine. This is all at present. Ma says write soon.

In relation to your wish to see me out there- nothing would give me more pleasure than to see you again, we all wish it very much. I don't know how I should succeed as a beau in your country, but here I am at the head of the list. I forgot to mention that Uncle Ned Bryan was on here this last summer and stayed until the fall. Directly after he left Uncle Philip Van Horn came on and brought his oldest daughter, a very pretty and accomplished young lady. He inquired after you- enough am sure this and believe me your

Cousin E. Pliny Bryan.

All send love to you. Ma said I made a mistake about Nat's wife being dead- it is not so. Alex lives in Baltimore. I may as well mention the queen's name at the tournament, Miss Mattingly of Washington and besides she will soon be my queen. As an excuse for mistakes you must attribute them to my being an emanuensis- no one can be a good one for an old lady.

Respy, E Pliny Bryan.

Sol Jenkins died a few months since.

The following letter was written by Mrs. A.M.C. Pearce of Ennis, Texas, who is the daughter of Dr. Nathaniel Chapman Weems who moved to Louisiana about 1825. Mrs. Pearce is still living in 1926 and wrote this letter to Mrs. V.A. Gennett #4 about 1920.

"Grandfather lived at "Billingsley", Uncle William (your grand father) bought and owned his home on down same river. Uncle James was established in business in Marlborough and Uncle Philip owned a plantation across the Patuxent river; lived with grandmother and managed her business and kept a boat in which he crossed back and forth every day. Aunt Mary and Vi were married, Aunt Cornelia and my father, Nathaniel Chapman Weems, Jr., lived with grandmother. Father was a child when his father died. He was the youngest of the family and it was intended to pay off the other heirs, rather to inherit the family seat.

After Uncle James and Philip both died, Gov. Sprigg of Maryland and relative of grandfather (note: 1st Cousin) and married to grandmother's niece (Violotta Lansdale), as grandmother's advisor, persuaded her to sell Billingsley, and deposit the money in bank. Then prevailed upon her to exchange with his wife for her interest in another bank which failed. My father was at school so he and his younger sister, Cornelia received a very small share of the property. The silver was divided and father received one dozen family spoons which had the family crest, one of which I sent to you, given. Father gave me the old spoons as I preferred the old silver and jewelry as relics the rest preferred new and later style. We lost all but the spoons I had buried and I gave one to each of my brothers and sisters as they were married and grew older and they valued them more. I had only ten two were lost. The silver tea pot and larger pieces of value had the coat of arms (grandmother's). Pa's mother's relations lived in Maryland now. I have a copy from great-grandmother Chapman who had a coat of arms, we lost that, also a seal on my mother's side, Chilton, who had a coat of arms also, the Ricketts also had a coat of arms. I have copies and description of each. I shall try to find out where Cornelia Ash is, wish you could meet her. What became of Cousin Joe's family (your Uncle Joe).

Col. John Weems, a younger brother of William E. Weems, who married Miss Chapman, married Miss Crompton of Maryland. His son John Crompton Weems was congressman from Maryland for years. He was the owner of Loch Ken and was the father of Cousin Lizzie Lillard, Cousin Fannie McPherson of Georgetown, D.C. Cousin Lizzie and cousin Fannie Mary were visiting with their sister when I met with them. Cousin Fannie had arranged to give me a dinner that I might meet a number of relatives and Dr. McPherson died suddenly. Dear Cousin Mary had a wonderful memory, she died at the age of 90 years.

The daughters of Hon. John C. Weems were all accomplished and possessed of beauty and so lovable in character. Cousin Mary and Lizzie are both dead. Cousin Fannie left Washington after her husband's death and moved to their home on the Chesapeake. Cornelia Ashe lived in Washington, but I have not heard from her in many years. She is very pretty in Baltimore and spent the winter of 1920 and 1921 in a beautiful home in the city.

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purchased it and had the buildings remodeled and others built. Aunt Violetta lived with her. This home was burned five years ago and was a total loss including all the valuable relics. Cornelia was at home at the time. She then moved to Washington and owned a very handsome residence (three story) near the Capitol. I fear she has met with reverses and sorrow. Her adopted children were not grateful and gave her much trouble. Cornelia was devoted to them. She was a noble woman, loving, affectionate and bright."

In a letter to P.V.H. Weems, in 1923, Mrs. A.M.C. Pearce stated in answer to questions, that Nathaniel Chapman Weems, son of William Loch Weems, 1st, was on Washington's staff in the Revolutionary, but she did not state in what capacity. She also stated that he was married to Miss Violetta Van Horne, at her father's home on the Raritan River, New Jersey, Dec. 3, 1790 by the Rev. Mr. Clay of Pennsylvania. Mr. Weems took his bride to his home Billingsley, inherited from his father, N.C. Weems. * * * I have a small portrait of the original Van Horne; it is set in a brooch. I prize it very highly as it has been handed down for many generations. My mother was Miss Muliken, of Prince George's County, Md."

Extracts from application by P.V.H. Weems for which he was enrolled as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

" K * * I was born at Turbine, Tenn, on the 29th of Nov. 1809
(1) I am the son of Joseph Burch Weems, b 1843 d 1896 and his wife Mary Elizabeth Rye, b 1852 d 1903 m 1883.
(2) grandson of Nathaniel Chapman Weems, b 1810 d 1871 and his wife Eleanor Ann Hatton, b 1814 d 1892, m 1840 ?
(3) great-grandson of William Loch Weems b 1790 d 1833 and his wife Elizabeth Taylor Burch b? d? m?
(4) great-great-grandson of Nathaniel Chapman Weems, b 1763 d 1812, and his wife, Violetta Van Horne, b 1766 d? m 1790
(4) great-great-grandson of William Loch Weems, b 1735 d 1794 d 1763
his wife, Violetta Van Horne, b 1736 d? m 1790
(5) great-great-great-grandson of William Loch Weems, b 1735 d 1794 d 1763
and his wife, Amelia Chapman Weems, b 1735 d 1794 d 1763.
(6) great-great-great-great-grandson of Dr. James Weems (immigrant from Scotland to Maryland about 1715) b 1703 d 1701, and his wife Sarah Parker, b 1711 d 1734 ?, and he the said William Loch Weems (no. 5) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of "committee-man, to carry into execution within said county (Prince George County, Md.), the Association of the American Continental Congress". s/ P.V.H. Weems.

* * * "My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

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'At a meeting in Upper Marlborough of a great number of respectable Freeholders and others of Prince George County, qualified to vote for Representatives, the following persons were nominated and appointed a committee to carry into execution, within the said county, the Association of the American Continental Congress, to wit: - - -

WILLIAM LOCH WEEMS, &c, &c, &c.' "

Note: The father of Violetta Van Horne, mentioned under No. 4, was Phil Van Horne, who lived in New York and at "Phil's Hill" at Bound Brook, N.J. and who held a commission as Colonel under the British Crown during the French and Indian Wars- was mentioned as on the list in 1755. This record qualifies his descendants for the Colonial Dames.

Nathaniel Chapman Weems (No. 4) was on half pay as a soldier in 1782. (See Md. Archives, unpublished records of Revolution) There is some evidence that he was on Washington's staff, (see letters above) but this is not definite, nor is his rank known. Gen. Moyland, and Maj. Lansdale married sisters of his wife, Violetta Van Horne. One letter (not here) states that three Van Horne sisters married Officers who served in the Revolutionary War.

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THE HATTONS OF COLONIAL MARYLAND.

Taken from "SIDE LIGHTS OF MARYLAND HISTORY" by Hester Dorsey Richardson, page 125.

Hon. Thomas Hatton, Secretary of the Province, arrived in Maryland with his family in the year 1642. He is credited by early students of Colonial History as having brought from England the draft of "The act Concerning Religion", which was passed by the Assembly of 1649, the first to be in session after the arrival of this important official. That he was a man of more than ordinary influence is evident from the fact that he was appointed to two of the highest offices in the gift of the Proprietary- those of Secretary of the Province and member of his Lordships Council.

Later in the same year Governor Stone, upon his departure from the Province, appointed Hon. Thomas Hatton to serve as Governor if Thomas Green should refuse to act, and the following year he was again named as Deputy Governor.

During the Revolutionary period which marked the beginning of the troubles with Cromwell's Commissioners, Thos. Hatton was, like other adherents of the King, removed from office, that of Secretary being a post of especial power and dignity. He was, however, reinstated after a few months, only to be again deposed in the fatal year of 1654, when he refused to sit in the Puritan Assembly held at Preston on the Patuxent, because of his oath to his Lordship. At the Battle of the Severn, when Cavalier and Roundhead fought as only those can who have a principle at stake, Hon. Thomas Hatton, Attorney-General of the Province of Maryland, Secretary and Councillor to his Lordship, lost his life in the name of religion. He had married in England, Margaret, who emigrated to Maryland with him and their two children, Robert and Thomas Hatton, in the year 1640.

Another Margaret Hatton, widow of Richard Hatton, deceased, brother of Hon. Thomas Hatton, came to Maryland with her brother-in-law, and his family, accompanied also by her children, William, Mary, Richard, Eleanore, and Elizabeth. In the year 1652 Lieutenant Richard Banks and Margaret, his wife, widow and relict of Mr. Richard Hatton, brother of Mr. Thomas Hatton, conveys to the latter their right in Richard Hatton's estate in consideration of the entertainment, &c, of the said Margaret Hatton and her children by the said Thomas Hatton.

It will appear from this that Richard Hatton did not come to the Province, having died on the other side. Thomas Hatton, whose will was probated in 1675, married a daughter of Randolph Hanson, one of the sons of Col. Hanson, of the Swedish Army. In his will he bequeaths to his sister-in-law, Barbarie Hanson, personalty which belonged to the Testator's first wife.

William Hatton, son of Richard and Margaret Hatton of England was Burgess for St. Mary's County from 1671 to 1675: William Hatton, son of the above, settled in Charles County, where he enjoyed the high office of Justice of the Provincial Court. He married Elizabeth Wilkinson, daughter of William Wilkinson, the first Protestant Episcopal Clergyman who arrived in Maryland after the settlement of the Province.

Of the other children of Margaret Hatton and Richard, Eleanore married Major Thomas Brocks, of the De La Brookes. Elizabeth became the bride of Dr. Luke Gardiner.

Like other families of note and rank which came into the Province of Maryland and helped to mold its history, the Hattons for generations married and intermarried with the best blood of the land, and no name was more distinguished for patriotism, fidelity, and staunch loyalty, than that borne by the Hattons of England and Maryland.

This page will give a short account of Williamina Wemyss (she retained this spelling), the sister of David Weems and Dr. James Weems who were brought to this country by their Uncle, Dr. William Loch. The following data is copied from the "ANCESTRY OF ROSALIE MORRIS JOHNSON" by R. Winder Johnson, page 147.

William Moore "of Moore Hall", born in Philadelphia May 6, 1669; died May 30, 1733; married 1722, Williamina, said to have been a daughter of the Earl of Wemyss (21), died December 6, 1734. William Moore was educated in England and graduated at Oxford in 1719. In 1729 he received from his father a tract of land, 240 acres, on Pickering Creek, near the Schuylkill, in Charlestown Township, Chester County, Pa., where he had been living for some time. Here William Moore erected a stone mansion overlooking the river, known then and since as "Moore Hall". He was a member of the Assembly for Chester County from 1733-1740 appointed a Justice of the Peace and Judge of County Courts in 1741, and for about forty years served as President Judge of the same. During the Indian troubles, 1747/8 Wm. Moore was a Colonel of a regiment of Chester County Militia. He was at different times a member of the vestry of St. James Church, on the Perkiomen, and of St. Davids, Radnor. His daughter, Rebecca, married July 3, 1750 the Rev. William Smith, DD, first Provost of the College of Philadelphia. (22)

(21) In his will Wm. Moore refers to the noble and honorable family from which his wife sprang.

(22) William and Williamina Moore are buried at St. Davids, Radnor. The monument is a flat slab flush with the ground, and so placed, right before the church door, that those entering must of necessity, cross it, according to the oft-told story, the remains of Williamina Moore and her husband are under this stone, and it is said that she designated this particular spot for her sepulchre, in order that the feet of christians, on their way to worship God might continually cross her grave.

EPITAPH

To the Memory of
William Moore, Esquire, of Moore Hall in the County of Chester, and of Williamina, his wife. He departed this life on the 6th day of May, 1733, aged 64 years. She died on the 6th day of Dec. 1734, in the 30th year of her age. This venerable pair lived together in perfect love and unrequitted harmony and confidence for the long period of 63 years; dispensing the best of life with an ardent and uninterrupted zeal, revered by their children, beloved by their friends, respected by the community in which they lived their lengthened days. Benevolence and urbanity beamed on all who entered their hospitable mansion, they administered comfort to the poor and to the afflicted, encouraging modest merit, and protecting humble Honesty, though covered with rags.

He presided in the Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphans Courts, in this county for a great length of time, as a Judge and as a Magistrate. He was indefatigable in executing the solemn charge of these important stations, acquitting himself with intelligence, impartiality and dignity. He was a tender father- a true friend- and indulgent master.

She was one of "the brightest patterns of excellent nature", possessing a highly cultivated understanding. She was mild, considerate kind and good. She was immanently distinguished by her amiable disposition and unassuming manners. With calmness, but with resolution, she bore the heaviest afflictions- the severest trials of this uncertain world; and evinced her firm reliance upon a State of Happiness far beyond the grave. "That state Celestial where no storms, no ill approach- where bliss alone prevails". * * * assails

For further notice of William Moore, of Moore Hall, see "Life of Dr. William Smith", by H.W. Smith; Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. 4. Also see "William Moore of Moore Hall" by E.W. pennypacker. For his services, "Pennsylvania Archives", 2nd Series, Vol. 2, Vol. 9,

